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For: POLYPEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE BIOSYNTHESIS OF COBALAMINS
AND/OR COBAMIDES, DNA SEQUENCES CODING FOR THESE
POLYPEPTIDES, PREPARATION METHOD AND THEIR USE

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Sir:

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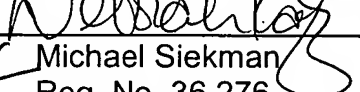
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